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For: WHOLE-BODY HYPERTHERMIA
METHOD AND DEVICE**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which has entered the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant art along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 10-33626 published in Japan on February 10, 1998;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 10-234683 published in Japan on September 8, 1998;
- C. PCT Application Publication No. WO 01/80789 published by WIPO on November 1, 2001 which corresponds to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-299798 published in Japan on October 30, 2001;
- D. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 59-37108 published in Japan on September 7, 1984;
- E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-314519 published in Japan on November 13, 2001;

F. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 3-31442 published in Japan on March 27, 1991;

G. PCT Application Publication No. WO 00/10494 published by WIPO on March 2, 2000; and

H. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 64-2737 published in Japan on January 24, 1989.

The above-listed prior art are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application.

Though some of these prior art cited in the Search Report are not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Ys and As along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to prior art A, B, C and E.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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